GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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Code of Medical Ethics
Somaiya Dr. Kirit

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Code of Medical Ethics Regulation bars doctors and doctors" association from taking gifts and sponsorship from pharma companies;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Medical Council of India recently amended and notified the ethical guidelines under which the doctors association can accept freebies from pharma companies;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether this would encourage the doctors association to accept freebies from pharma companies; and

(f) if so, the Government proposes to review the matter and take corrective measures?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)
(a) to (f): Clause 6.8 of the Indian Medical Council (Professional Conduct, Etiquette and Ethics) Regulations, 2002 bars doctors form acceptance of gifts, travel facilities, hospitality, cash or monetary grants, medical research, affiliation & endorsement. The regulation was amended vide notification dated 01.02.2016. The amended regulations prescribe action to be taken by the Council for violation of Clause 6.8 by the doctors. The professional association of doctors is excluded from the purview of the clause.
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